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MONDAY, MAY 12, 1890.

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FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1890.

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Hongkong, 3rd April, 1890.

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1890.

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J. WHEELEY,
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Hongkong, 21st April, 1890.

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Intimations.

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The finest quality obtainable, guaranteed
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Extra—A pure genuine grape spirit matured
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An excellent Dinner Wine.

Per bottle \$0.75, dozen \$8.
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Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue, latest Three o'clock so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisers of Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed sum will be continued until countermanded.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers to The Hongkong Telegraph are respectfully reminded that all Subscriptions are payable in advance.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, MAY 12, 1890.

A FLOATING PANDEMOMIUM.

We have again to direct the attention of the Government to the disgraceful scenes which invariably take place on board the Ocean Company's steamer *Mennion*, employed on the line between here and British North Borneo, prior to her departure from this port. During her recent stay here the *Mennion* has undergone a considerable amount of repairs by the Dock Company, a new propeller shaft having been fitted in addition to other work, and we understand that the ancient craft required overhauling very badly. However, we are principally concerned at present with what occurred in the harbour on Saturday afternoon, a short time before the *Mennion* went to sea. The *Mennion's* ration d'etre on

the Borneo-Hongkong line is to carry Chinese coolies from this port to Kudat and Sandakan, to work on the tobacco and other plantations, and as the vessel is of fair size—little over 800 tons register—she can at a pinch stow away about five hundred of these contract laborers. Now, it is well known that the Chinese coolie from Kwang-tung or Kwang-si is hardly the most tractable animal in the world, so that it is not difficult to understand how easily trouble may arise on board a ship where the discipline is lax, or the officers inclined to be tyrannical or inconsiderate. We are not aware what the special deficiency may be on board the *Mennion*, but we do know from very good authority that every time she leaves Hongkong the most discreditable and disgusting scenes take place in connection with the Chinese passengers. And her late departure was evidently no exception to the rule. The deck of the steamer was literally crammed with the coolies and that motley crowd of crimps, runners, hawkers, etc., etc., always to be found hovering like a cloud of locusts on board an emigrant ship. In what fashion the Harbour Department performed its duty was not clearly apparent, nor is it easy to see how the Emigration Officer and the Medical Officer satisfied themselves that the requirements of the Emigration Ordinance had been and were being complied with. The *Mennion* might have had five hundred coolies as her official quota of living freight, and yet carried away a couple of hundred more of these contract laborers without check or hindrance. The scene on board simply beggars description and when the officers started to drive the coolies below by the assistance of the fire-hose, justifies our describing the ship as a floating Pandemonium. What it would be after the vessel got under way and outside the limits of the port we can well imagine from reports sent us of previous voyages by European passengers.

Surely somebody can be held responsible for these constantly recurring disreputable scenes in Hongkong harbour? If the captain and officers of the *Mennion* are unable to preserve proper discipline, it is certainly the duty of the Harbour Department to see that, at least so far as the Chinese emigrants are concerned; some sort of effective organization exists. In this connection it is strange, but nevertheless true, that the *Mennion*, although a British steamer, trading between two British colonies and specially subsidised by a British Corporation, is commanded by a captain who is either a Dane or Scandinavian. It is also singular that the chief officer is also a Dane, the previous mate, an Englishman, having resigned rather than accept a reduced rate of wages. Of course it is quite possible that these disturbances with the Chinese emigrants would still have taken place had the captain and mate of the *Mennion* been Britons instead of Danes, but all the same the fact we have mentioned is not without significance. Generally speaking this journal has invariably advocated free trade principles in all branches of life, but we have to draw the line when the arrangement becomes objectionably one-sided, as is the case, for instance, with vessels flying the German flag. All British vessels are quite open to men of every nationality so long as they are properly qualified, and it is well known that a very considerable number of certificated German mariners and engineers hold positions on English ships in the Far East; but there is no reciprocity—British officers and engineers are practically unknown under the German flag. Out here, where many British officers and engineers are constantly out of employment, this one-sided arrangement becomes a great hardship—so severe indeed that it is a marvel the legislature has not even seen its way to curb what is a growing evil that may yet lead to disastrous results. It may be urged that an effectual remedy is in the hands of the shipowners, who have only to prohibit the shipping of foreign officers and engineers in order to remove the grievance; but where the pocket comes in as an argument, patriotism quickly goes to the wall. So long as ship-owners can obtain the services of foreigners at lower rates of wages than British deck officers and engineers will work for, the cheaper article will be made use of, without reference to quality, until the day comes, and it may not be so very far distant, when the stringent rules of trades unionism shall be as paramount on board ship as they are now in our large manufacturing centres at home. It can only be a question of a very short time when the Amalgamated Institutes of British sailors and engineers shall be in a position to deal with shipowners on equal terms, and one of the first reforms they will claim will be the disappearance of foreigners from British ships until other nations see their way to reciprocate the special privileges their subjects now enjoy in the mercantile marine of Great Britain.

TELEGRAMS.

THE SCOTCH KIRK.

LONDON, May 3rd.
The motion for the disestablishment of the Church of Scotland has been rejected.

TRADE RIOTS IN FRANCE.

5,000 hands have struck work at Tourcoing, in the department of Le Nord. Serious riots have taken place, and the troops have been called out.

[The chief employment at Tourcoing is cotton-spinning and weaving and the like—in fact the production of what we call "piece goods."]

TROUBLE IN SPAIN.

Strikes and riots have occurred in Spain. A state of siege has been proclaimed at Barcelona.

FRANCE AND EGYPT.

MAY 9th.
Egypt has accepted the French conditions for the conversion of the debt.

CAPTAIN WISSMANN.

Captain Wissmann has occupied Kilwa.

(From the *Comercio*)

THE LABOR AGITATION IN EUROPE.

MADRID, May 2nd.
The labor demonstrations held all over Europe yesterday passed off peacefully, except at Paris, where the cavalry charged the mob, wounding many persons. To-day tumults occurred at Barcelona and Valencia, and the police were called out. The Government is taking great precautions in the provinces, to prevent risings. Catalonia has been declared in a state of siege.

SPAIN.

The law of universal suffrage has been passed by the Senate.

INSURRECTION IN PARAGUAY.

A military insurrection against the Government has occurred in Paraguay.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co. inform us that the "Shire" liner *Fenbrooke* left Singapore for this port on Saturday.

THE return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending May 11th, are:—Europeans, 161; Chinese, 1,945; total, 2,106.

A LONDON telegram dated the 22nd ulto., says that at home it is considered certain that Sir Redvers Buller will succeed Lord Wolseley as Adjutant General.

An Emergency meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 245, F.C. will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street this evening, at 8.30 or 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Legislative Council was to have met this afternoon, to consider the Magistrates' Bill, but only four members attended to assist H. F. the Administrator, the meeting had to be postponed.

THE ship *Landseer* of Boston, from New York to Hongkong, was sighted by the steamship *McAlister* on Monday the 1st inst. at noon, in lat. 04° 4.5 S. and long. 106.24 E. 132 days out. The *Landseer* desired to be reported "all well."

THE agents (Messrs. Melchers & Co.) inform us that the *Norddeutscher Lloyd's* steamship *Nekar*, with the German mails, dated Berlin 15th April, left Singapore for this port at 8 a.m. yesterday, and may be expected on or about Friday, the 16th inst.

WILLIAM NORRIS, late Sheriff of Singapore, was brought up on remand before Mr. Anthony on the Court there on the 5th inst., on the charge of appropriating \$87—which may be amended by the Registrar to include the full amount of \$500—, and committed for trial at the criminal sessions.

THE Chinkiang correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes on the 1st inst.—"The Chinese in Chinkiang, and especially inside the native city, are most abusive; it has become so bad that the foreigners pass through seldom escape their insolence. The writer is convinced that unless some effort is made by the native officials to control the roughs, who seem to be numerous at this time, some foreigner will be seriously injured by them. Small boys generally begin the abuse, but the men soon take it up."

A PROFESSIONAL foot-binder named Wong Achap was this morning sentenced by Mr. Robinson to six months' hard labour and to be put into stocks twice for three hours at a time; also to be put into solitary confinement for ten days during the term, for hacking at his widow mother's head with a chopper, on the 10th instant. Wong amused himself in this way because the old lady was unable to advance him the sum of ten dollars wherewith to amuse himself. Fortunately for the prisoner his uncle was near at hand when he commenced to chop up his revered parent, and prevented him from becoming a promising candidate for the rope.

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The Hoppo of Canton would appear to be a *persona grata* with the Imperial authorities at Peking. The *Peking Gazette* of the 13th ulto. states the following:—"The present Hoppo at Canton, Chang-ya, has been in office for more than two years, during which time his administration of the Customs has been attended with great success. In addition to making all the usual remittances he forwarded during his first year of office a further sum of Tls. 45,340, while last year he supplied a similar extra remittance of Tls. 45,280, making in all Tls. 90,720. Besides the above he subscribed Tls. 10,000 for the assistance of the suffering caused by the breach at Ching-chou, Tls. 500 and Tls. 600 for the relief of the distress in Kiangsu and Shantung respectively, and, in response to a telegram received from the Board, furnished from the Customs Revenue Tls. 1,000,000 to meet the pressing necessity connected with the repair of the breach at Ching-chou. He has dealt with all international questions in a conciliatory spirit and in accordance with the precedent established in the case of several of his predecessors, the Viceroy suggests that favourable notice should be taken of his services by the Throne. By *Rescript*, attached to this memorial, Chang-ya is appointed an *extraordinary Director* of one of the three courts attached to the Household Department."

GOOD old "Brownie" has just found out that his Excellency the Administrator seems to be able to drive his own coach, and to remind (sic) the other occupants of the official brake what they have to do." The italics are ours; but what "Brownie" intends to convey to the "one reader" we cannot pretend to fathom. We don't think he knows himself.

UNDER the heading "Pertinent Paragraphs" the San Francisco *Examiner* of the 8th ultimo has the following:—"The venerable Sir Edwin Chadwick, the great sanitarian, uses no tobacco and eats many green vegetables." Does the son follow closely in the father's footsteps? If so, it is to be hoped he does not patronise the vegetables we have observed Chinese washing near Mr. Kennedy's horse repository, just where the Peak sewage discharges itself.

FONG LI, a sailor belonging to the junk *Sun Ching*, which was lying at the wharf opposite the Harbour Office last Saturday, went out to East Point on the 10th instant and succeeded whilst there in enticing a boy to go with him to Hongkong, where he took him on board his junk, which was about to sail. The mother of the boy heard of this from a rickshaw coolie, who heard the alarm, the wires were set in motion and the police recovered the youngster on board the junk, with the result that the gallant mariner now stands committed for trial at the Supreme Court on a charge of enticing away Lung Fuk Tak—a boy under 14 years of age—with intent to deprive the parents of his lawful custody.

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cent, or so over that. (Hear, hear!) They had had a good deal of trouble with pilferers, and some had been dealt with in the Police Court. They had done their best to stop it, and he believed that they were on the road to that end as their new premises approached completion; but all they could do was to reduce it to a minimum. There was no doubt that in every business in the Colony there was considerable leakage through that,—even in private firms—and he hoped that the Legislature would take the matter in hand, and deal severely with the receivers especially. For every case of the kind detected they might depend that a thousand—ten thousand, perhaps—were undiscovered and unpunished. Therefore when a thief was discovered he ought to be severely punished. The Company had also had a good deal of trouble through the death of their Chinese manager. As was the custom, the place was given to one of his nearest relatives, but as he proved unequal to it another manager had to be found. He believed that the one selected—Mr. Chan Afook—was doing his best to reorganise the department, and undoubtedly he was one of the most able Chinese men of business in the Colony, so they might hope for even better results from that department in the future.

Mr. Woking, in tendering the thanks of the shareholders for the exceptionally good report, expressed the opinion that any question as to raising new capital, or the formation of a reserve fund, should be left to the general manager. For his part he preferred the increase of the reserve.

The Chairman agreed that the profits should be restricted so as to give the branch establishments more capital to work on, and quoted the example of Matilda in support.

Mr. Lench was of the same opinion, but asked what effect the increase of competition had had on the Company's business locally.

The Chairman replied that he had intentionally avoided that question until directly asked, but he might say it had had a beneficial effect. The beginning of the Company's outside local business was due to competition, when Messrs. Llewelyn and Co. of Shanghai, (an old branch of Watson & Co.) started. That put the Company on their mettle, and they went north, and wherever they set up they found business. They had had businesses grow out of them, as it were, in opposition, and it had only spurred them to new exertion. Any old business left entirely to itself got lazy to a certain extent—the principals, probably, had enough to satisfy them, and wanted to take things easy. But when they got alarmed by competition they began to drive things a little faster than before. There had recently been keen competition here, and a considerable reduction in prices—as much as 25 and 30 per cent. in some instances, but not on everything, for some things could not be under-sold, owing to the system the Company had of purchasing directly from the manufacturers, and therein lay their strength. From one end of China to the other the Chinese could get things at the same price as in Hongkong. Legitimate competition—that which looked for a fair return on its capital—must do good to an old properly-conducted business, by giving it an impetus. (Hear, hear).

Mr. Ozorio then moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Humphreys, and the proceedings terminated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

A SEAMAN'S LAMENT.

To THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR.—I am a poor old sailor man and I came in a ship from New York to Hongkong and I have had a lot to do with the rogues of the Bowery there but for down-right cheek the Sailor's Home here takes the cake. We had just dropped our hook when along comes a dapper sort of a chap, and on board of our ship he comes and commenced axing every one of us if we was to leave our ship and insinuating there was any amount of ships here and good wages too, and by me sowl I was silly enough to believe him, and so after a bit we went to the American Consul's and got paid off, and then commenced the fun. I got a lone of five dollars from this chap and then I had to give him ten for it. Of course I kicked, but I had to give it to him, as he had the power not to ship me, or anyway send me away in a floating terror, and so now I can sun up my cruise. In Hongkong I've been half poisoned with bad whiskey, preached at by the minister, and fished out on the beach by that long polman of a steward for spending all me money at the bar in the Home. And I recommend him to stick up this piece of poetry over his door:—

Ale and whiskey, rum and beer,
Beggars made and mend me here.
With nothing left to pay the score
We generally kicked them to the door.

And I am bound now to the land of the free, and may all the saints bless you if ever you catch me amongst so many Jews again.

PATRICK CAFFERTY,
Able Seaman.

P.S.—I shipped at the high rate of 15 Mexicans for one month and find me own soap and had to give five dollars for the chance.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1890.

LETTE TELEGRAMS.

ZANZIBAR, April 15th. German agents at Zanzibar are engaging the services of numerous porters at high rates of wages, while the British are unable to obtain them. Five caravans are to follow that under Emin with the object of operating north of Tanganyika.

LONDON, April 15th. Telegrams from Delagoa confirm the reports as to a new Portuguese Expedition to the Shire country.

In the House of Commons this afternoon, Sir John Gorst, replying to a member, said the traffic in girls between Madras and Rangoon was engaging the attention of the India Office, and the laws already in existence for dealing with the traffic would be stringently enforced.

April 16th. A St. Petersburg telegram says a young and beautiful Russian girl has been imprisoned on a charge of attempting by bribery to obtain a copy of the new mobilisation scheme.

Lieutenant Wordsworth, of the Staffordshire Regiment, grand-nephew of the poet, and son of Bishop Wordsworth, committed suicide to-day by drowning himself in the Severn.

MILAN, April 16th. Seventeen mill girls were killed at Bergamo, near here, to-day by the fall of the roof of a shed in which they were employed.

LONDON, April 17th. A meeting was held at Northampton last night when Mr. Bradlaugh, who was supported by Sir William Wedderburn and Mr. Bancroft, related his experiences of India and spoke of the aims and objects of the Congress. A resolution was unanimously adopted approving of the programme of the Congress. Sir William Wedderburn and Mr. Bancroft both spoke, the latter being received with enthusiasm.

MADRAS, April 17th. Twenty petitions were sent by yesterday's mail to the House of Commons by the Congress party, praying that the House will disallow Lord Cross's Bill and support Mr. Bradlaugh's. The petitions

contain some 15,000 signatures, making, with those sent previously, 50,000 in all.

LONDON, April 18th. The newspapers' discussion of Mr. Goschen's Budget express a qualified satisfaction with it, and regret that no reduction has been made in the Income-tax. Mr. Gladstone and the Liberals say that the Budget has been frittered away in small concessions, and that the reduction in the duty is too small. They also condemn the postponement of free education.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 18th. A sensation has been created here by the announcement that Baron Pleissen, the German attaché, had instructed an agent to obtain possession of the Russian fortresses. Baron Pleissen has decamped to Copenhagen.

LONDON, April 19th. Non-party meetings to discuss the Indian Congress were held to-day in the various divisions of London, and also at Northampton. Large and attentive audiences were present at each.

Messrs. Bannerjee and Hume, Sir W. Wedderburn, Mr. Dadabooji Naoroji, and Mr. Martin Wood were the chief speakers.

Resolutions were proposed and supported by local speakers at each place, and carried unanimously, urging on Government the necessity for an enlarged Council and the introduction of the elective principle.

The treatment by the press here is encouraging to the active agents in the movement. The Times and the leading dailies are reporting the meetings. The Leads Mercury strongly urges Lord Cross to grant the right of election.

A campaign on a larger scale is being arranged. Messrs. Bradlaugh, Justin McCarthy, and Beaufoy have so far attended all the meetings.

Mr. Bannister has arranged to speak at Taunton, Plymouth, Truro, Exeter, Barnstaple, Swanscombe, Cardiff, Bristol and Bath during the next fortnight. Mr. Naoroji will attend the last four towns.

Campaigns in the Midlands and the North of England are to follow. Delegates have also been invited to attend Manchester, Liverpool, and elsewhere.

It is believed that Mr. Stanley will undertake the Governorship of the Congo State.

Mr. Gladstone has fully recovered.

BRUSSELS, April 20th. At the Civic Banquet at the Guildhall last night, Mr. H. Stanley, in replying to a toast, urged that Belgium should persevere in her undertakings in Central Africa.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 20th. Count Cassini has been appointed Russian Minister at Pekin.

LONDON, April 21st. Lord Hartington returned to London yesterday. Mr. William O'Brien, member for Cork, has become engaged to the daughter of Mr. Raffelovich, the Parisian financier.

LISBON, April 21st. Major Serra Pinto arrived here yesterday and was accorded a hearty reception. No popular demonstration took place. The crowd in the streets was orderly.

LONDON, April 22nd. According to a telegram published this morning, the Kohlisch Zeitung states that the sentence of exile to Siberia against Colonel Schmidt for complicity in the plot against the Czar at Cronstadt has been increased to the penalty of death.

HONGKONG Observatory, 12th May, 1890.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Mr. M. G. Falconer & Co.'s Register.)

21st April, 1890.

The barometer has fallen in the north and gradients are moderate. Cloudy, rather warm, and wet weather prevails.

Barometer reduced to level of the sea in inches, tenths, and hundredths.

Temperature, 64°. Humidity, 100%.

Cloudiness, 4. Wind, N.E. Force, 2.

Masonic.

ST. JOHN LODGE
OF HONGKONG,
No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 13th instant, at 8 for 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, 8th May, 1890. [735]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG,
No. 1165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 16th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1890. [743]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Interest and Responsibility of Mr. FAZUALLY in the business for some time past carried on by him in Partnership with other persons under the style of FAZUALLY & CO., at 6 & 8, Peel Street, ceased on the 1st April, 1890, and in future the business will be carried on by the continuing Partners under the style of HOOSENALLY, FAZUALLY & CO.

DATED this 10th day of May, 1890. [745]

THE TRUST AND LOAN COMPANY OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

M R. DE WESTLEY LAYTON has been appointed SECRETARY of the Company's Branch Office in Hongkong.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
WM. H. FORBES,
Chairman of Hongkong Committee,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1890. [711]

Insurances.

LI,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or at death if previous (even if that event occurs during the first twelve months)—may be secured by a payment at the rate of :—

L 7 7 . 6 { (n.b.)	20
L 8 14 . 2	25
L 10 11 . 2	30
L 13 4 . 10	35
L 17 15 . 8	40
L 27 12 . 6	45

After the Policy has been three years in force—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured. For instance a man who had assured at 45, after five year's payments would be entitled to a Paid-up Policy for £500 free of future payments as explained in Prospectus.

Note.—It is an advantage to effect Provisions of this nature early in life. By delay the rate of subscription increases; Death may occur before the Provision is effected, or Health may fail and render the life ineligible for Assurance.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

ATLAS ASSURANCE COMPANY OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

EDUARD SCHELLHAAS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th April, 1890. [599]

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF 1877 IN HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [56]

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1889. [57]

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY IN LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE and LIFE at Current Rates.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Hongkong, 5th November, 1889. [45]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000. } \$833,333.33
EQUAL TO } \$318,000.00
RESERVE FUND }

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

LEE SING, Esq. | LO YEEU MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST, Hongkong, 17th February, 1889. [500]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000.

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN, Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 1st February, 1889. [517]

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A BONUS of Twenty per cent. upon Contributions for the year 1889 has this day been declared. Warrants may be had on application at the above Office on and after the 1st proximo.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., General Agents, Canton Insurance Office, Limited, Hongkong, 16th April, 1890. [628]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that A SPECIAL or EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of May next, at noon, for the purpose of considering, and, if approved, of passing the following Resolutions:—

- That the Capital of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be increased from \$7,500,000 to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 20,000 New Shares of \$125, to be issued at the price of £42 10s. Eastern Shareholders to pay for their allotments at the current rate of the day for Demand Bills on London.
- That the said New Shares be in the first instance, in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to the Shareholders in the proportion of one New Share for every three Shares of which on the 1st May, 1890, they shall respectively be the Registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interest of the Company.
- That payment of the sum of £42 10s. per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz.:—

£10 12s. 6d. on the 30th day of June, 1890

£10 12s. 6d. " 30th Sept., "

£10 12s. 6d. " 31st Dec., "

£10 12s. 6d. " 31st March, 1891

4.—That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares not a multiple of Three a Fractional certificate in respect of each share in excess of or below such multiple, and allot one new share to every person who shall produce three such Fractional Certificates on or before the 30th June, 1890, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

5.—That after payment of the first instalment and pending payment of the future instalments, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares, entitling the Holders on payment of the remaining instalments, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging Scrip Certificates, and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the Holders of the Shares represented by such Scrip Certificates respectively.

6.—That interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum (free of income tax) be allowed out of the profits of the Company on all instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due and that from the 30th June, 1890, Holders of Scrip Certificates be entitled to participate in future dividends, in proportion to the amount of instalments paid up, on an equality with the other Shareholders of the Company.

7.—That interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum be charged on every instalment which shall not be punctually paid, and be paid with such instalments.

8.—That all moneys received from premiums on the said New Shares be added to the Reserve Fund.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, WADE GARDNER, Acting Chief Manager, Hongkong, 2nd April, 1890. [570]

D. GILLIAMS, Secretary.

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Kaisow	London	May 13th.	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Afghan	Liverpool	May 14th.	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Thibie	Tristic	May 15th.	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.
Nekar	Bremen	May 16th.	Melchers & Co.
Pembroke	London	May 18th.	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Thibet	Bombay	May 19th.	P. & O. S. N. Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Thames	P. & O. S. N. Co.	May 15th, at noon.
London	Oopack	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About May 15th.
Marselles, via Saigon, &c.	Oceanien	Messengers Maritimes	May 22nd, at noon.
Vancouver, B.C., via N. & S. Pacific	Parthia	Adamson, Bell & Co.	June 4th, at 4 p.m.
San Francisco, via Yohama	City of Rio de Janeiro	O. & O. S. N. Co.	June 3rd, at 1 p.m.
Flume, via Bombay	Oceanic	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	May 22nd, at 1 p.m.
Calcutta, via Straits	Thibet	Melchers & Co.	May 18th, daylight.
Medan, Sumatra	Fidelio	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, at 11 a.m.
Yokohama, via Nag, &c.	Verona	Melchers & Co.	May 17th, daylight.
Yokohama, Kobe, &c.	General Wender	Adamson, Bell & Co.	About May 17th.
Nagasaki, Kobe, &c.	Aghan	Adamson, Bell & Co.	May 16th.
Shanghai, Kobe, &c.	Kaisow	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About May 16th.
Shanghai	Rosetta	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
Pakhoi and Haiphong	Archuse	Messengers Maritimes	About May 17th.
Sutow, Spore & Bangkok	Devawongse	Yuen Fat Hong	May 14th, at 10 p.m.
Sutow, Amoy, &c.	Fokica	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at 11 a.m.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

JEFFY'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS COMPANY, LIMITED.

JEFFY'S WOOD PRESERVER OR ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE Undersigned have this day been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and are prepared to supply quantities to suit purchasers, at Wholesale Prices. Extra Special terms for Shipping and large Orders.

SIR ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., C.E., Chief Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board London, says

"It is the best Disinfectant in use."

W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,
Bank Buildings.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$1,000,000.

PAID UP CAPITAL 2,500,000.

RESERVE FUND 1,250,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

HON. J. J. KESWICK, Chairman.

HON. C. P. CHATER, Vice-Chairman.

LEE SING, Esq.

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MONEY advanced on Mortgage, on Land,

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Estate Managed and all kinds of Agency and Commission business relating to land, etc., conducted.

Full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Offices, No. 1, Queen's Road Central.

A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary.

Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1890. [709]

CARBOLINEUM AVENARIUS, REGISTERED.

A N ANTISEPTIC PAINT for the Preservation of Wood, Walls, Ropes and Ship's Tackle. May be applied to: Beams, Floors, Walling, Woods, Ornaments, Eaves, Roofs, Wooden Sheds, Farmer's and Gardeners Implements, Carts, Posts, Fences, Stables, Gates, Bridges, Boats, and all Timber underground.

Effectually excludes all dampness from walls painted with it and entirely prevents the crumbling away and decay of both stone and bricks.

White ants do not touch wood painted with Carbolineum Avenerius.

Used during the last 14 years with the utmost success, as proved by numerous Testimonials of living authorities.